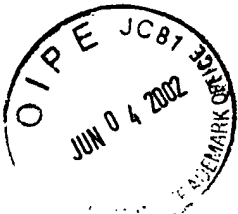


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

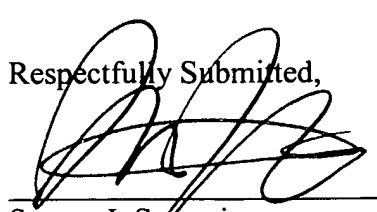
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.115, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.

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Please cancel claims 15-28.

Date: May 14, 2002

Respectfully Submitted,

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